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SOME PLAIN COAL FACTS

Virginia Council of Defense Gives Out Interesting Information Concerning Existing Conditions.

Richmond, Jan. 3.—In a statement which the Virginia Council of Defense has just received, some very startling facts in regard to the coal situation in the United States are made known.

The United States produced in 1917 something like 675,000,000 tons of coal. This is a 10 per cent gain over 1916, and a 25 per cent gain over 1915.

The coal shortage is a problem of transportation. There is always plenty of coal—400 times as much of it under these United States right now as we and our ancestors have dug out in the last 100 years. And there are coal mines enough—7,000 mines and 700,000 miners. Even in the unprecedented year of 1916 the productive capacity of the mines was 100 million tons above the actual production. In 1916, a good year, the 5,600 soft coal mines of the country worked only 203 full days instead of 300, and produced two-thirds as much coal as they might have produced.

The difficulty is to get the coal to the right place. The solution of this difficulty is what the consumer is principally paying for when he buys his winter coal. Half of his coal bill goes for railroad transportation and for hauling through city streets.

It is the moving of coal, not the mining of it, that gives the big new Fuel Administration offices most of their work to do. Distribution is the thing. The State Administrators concern themselves, directly with nothing else. Production is left to the Washington office to handle. But the Washington office, too, is mainly occupied with getting coal from one point, generally a siding in a railroad yard—to another point—say the furnaces of a hospital, or the bunkers of a scout cruiser or the coal box of one of the Hundred Needies' Cases. If the ill and the needy should be made to suffer, or the scout cruiser should make only 25 knots when 30 knots would mean many lives saved of if anything goes wrong anywhere with heating plants or engines, a suggestion is likely to reach the Fuel Administrator, that it do something immediately—and preferably to the railroads. There has been sufficient suggestion at railroad terminals to lend some color to the frequent charged that the railroads are responsible for the coal shortage. But the real cause of the trouble goes beyond the railroads. Our whole system of coal production and distribution is wasteful. It is wasteful, for instance, for the Nebraska farmer to ship coal from West Virginia in place of buying the smokier and dustier coal that Kansas produces. Our national use of fuel is extravagant. It is wasteful, not so much of resources, as of mine labor, and especially of ton-miles of transportation. But the coal industry is fundamental. Railroads and manufacturers have shaped themselves to the existing state of the industry. To make any radical changes in the coal trade would be to throw the machinery out of gear. Hence the Fuel Administration concerns itself not with opening new channels for the coal trade but with keeping old channels wide open. In most cases when the results it obtains fall short of perfection, it is idle to try to pin the blame down to the Fuel Administration, or to the railroads, or to any other single element in the situation. That the Fuel Administration is coping with the problem successfully is shown in these facts: That the Navy and the transports have been getting all the coal they need, and of the best quality, that the cantonments and munition factories are kept well supplied and that the railroads in this time of the world's great need are carrying much the greatest traffic of their history.

Brothers Suffocated.

Newark, Jan. 3.—John and Vincent Dragone, brothers, who were found dead in a garage, and who, it was thought, had been frozen to death, were victims of carbon monoxide poisoning according to County Physician Warren.

Dr. Warren says that the brothers were evidently working on a taxi owned by John Dragone, and were overcome through all the oxygen in the tightly closed building having been consumed.

BLEAK WINTER'S NIGHT

Fall of Snow Yesterday Continued Until the Wee Sma' Hours of This Morning—Mercury Down to Four Degrees.

Yesterday was another cold and uncomfortable day, and only persons compelled to be out faced the elements, the majority preferring to remain alongside of glowing stoves. In the language of Dickens in "Bleak House," it snowed, and it snowed and it never left off snowing." It was flying long after midnight, but early this morning the heavens were clear and indications were for a fair day. The temperature virtually showed no change from that of yesterday morning. At eight o'clock the mercury in the thermometer stood at 4 degrees above zero.

The steamer Southland from Norfolk did not reach her wharf at the port until nearly eleven o'clock this morning, or nearly five hours behind her schedule time. Her officers report unchanged conditions in the lower river and bay.

Early in the afternoon the wind blew cold from the northwest, and according to the Weather Bureau the frigid wave will continue for about forty-eight hours longer.

River commerce is icebound. Only the large steamers running between here and Norfolk, and a few strongly built government boats are able to make way against the ice that covers the Potomac from far above here down to Chesapeake Bay.

It is seldom that the ice becomes as thick and covers the whole width of the river, as at present.

The Three Rivers, a Baltimore and Washington sidewheeler, has been laid up at her dock in Washington for several days unable to make a schedule trip because of the ice.

Residents of the sections of King George and Westmoreland counties that are supplied by the steamer with much of the food and other stuff they need are anxiously awaiting the opening of the river to navigation. Usually, it is stated, about the beginning of cold weather the merchants and other residents of the river counties of Virginia lay in supplies for the winter, but the cold weather came so early in the season and so quickly that it caught them unprepared.

Fredericksburg is the nearest market to points from Smith's wharf to Nomini and Lower Machodoc creek. It is about fifteen miles from Smith's, forty from Colonial Beach and over fifty miles from points further down the river. Some of the dealers are making trips to Fredericksburg after stores and, while there is said to be no serious shortage in any necessary articles, the opening of the river will be hailed with pleasure by those who depend upon Alexandria and Washington to furnish them with necessary foodstuffs.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Negro Attacks His Fellow-Workman at the Roundhouse of the Southern Railway Last Night.

Hill Johnson and William Thomas both colored, employed at the roundhouse of the Southern Railway, at Wolfe and Henry streets, engaged in a quarrel last night, during which Johnson attacked Thomas with what appears to have been intended for a iron walking cane. The assailant struck the object of his fire a blow upon the head which may cause his death. Officers Walker Campbell and William Campbell, upon hearing of the affair, proceeded to the round house and arrested Johnson.

Thomas, who was taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment was unable to appear when the case was called in the Police Court this morning, and Johnson was committed for ten days pending the outcome of Thomas's injuries.

The trouble, it is said, started when Thomas objected to working alongside of Johnson. This so angered the latter that he procured the iron bar and made a murderous attack upon Thomas.

Thomas is suffering from concussion of the brain, and his conditon is regarded as serious.

Notice Royal Arch Chapter.

The stated communication of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14 will be held on Friday evening, Jan 4, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and enjoy the evening.

2-3t. A. G. Uhler, Secretary.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is planning to hold a social and dance during the early part of February.

The usual prayer meeting service will be held at the Ann Lee Memorial Home for the Aged tomorrow at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited and strangers will be made welcome.

Judge Norton, chairman of the local committee, today reports the receipt of subscriptions for the Y. M. C. A. War fund as follows: Mrs. Marion F. Bruce, $1; cash, $2.50; and another cash subscription of 25 cents.

An alarm called the fire department to a house on Washington street, between Montgomery and First streets, yesterday afternoon at five o'clock to find that only a chimney was burning out and no assistance was needed from the firemen.

Mr. Harry C. Leef, a former resident of Alexandria, died suddenly yesterday at Danville, Va. His body will be brought to this city for burial and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from 1305 King street, Rev. Dr. John Lee Alson officiating, interment in Bethel cemetery. Mr. Leef's death is supposed to have been caused from heart trouble. He was sleeping with his little son, who discovered that he was dead when he woke up about half past five o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Leef left Alexandria about 20 years ago, going from here to Lynchburg, where he remained for eight years, and from there to Danville, where he had resided since as manager of Hotel Burton. He is survived by his wife and five children. Mrs. Leef is the daughter of the late William B. Dobie of this city.

Miss Dorothy Roland, of South Lee street, has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Patterson, who resides near the Naval proving grounds at Indian Head, Maryland.

During the cold weather there will be no meetings held in the Salvation Army rooms on King street excepting Sunday school on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the regular Sunday night preaching service at 8 o'clock.

Captain Harry M. White, of Boston, Mass., paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Magner, at their home, 230 St. Asaph street, while on his way to Chattanooga, Tenn.

The local employment office in the postoffice building is open from three to four o'clock daily. Stenographers are in great demand for positions in Washington and it is stated that they are now being accepted without examination.

The Wagar Land Company, which owns the Carlyle Apartment house on North Fairfax street, will convert the top floor of the building into five modern apartments. Ernest E. Wagar, of the Wagar Company, came over from Washington yesterday to arrange to have the work done.

Deputy Collector J. Fred Birrell, of this city, connected with the internal revenue bureau, states that he will be in the revenue office in the city postoffice building here beginning about January 15th for the purpose of assisting all who desire in preparing their income tax returns. Residents of Alexandria and Fairfax counties will also be given assistance by Mr. Birrell where desired. Returns of the income tax must be made by March 1st.

Messrs. H. B. Caton and George Warfield, as trustees, have sold a house and lot in Jefferson district, Alexandria county, to Mrs. Addie R. Kirk.

Miss Georgie E. Hudson has returned to her home in Washington, after a three weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. H. O. Pattison, at Peoria, Ill. Captain H. O. Pattison is at present detailed to the ordnance department, Washington, and is out on recruiting business.

At a meeting of the members of the ministers' conference of the city, held last night, it was decided to bring the series of union meetings to a close with last night's service. The action was taken on account of the extreme weather conditions prevailing which make it difficult to heat the churches comfortably, and for the further reason of conserving the supply of coal in accordance with the suggestion of the state fuel commission. No further meetings will therefore be held as had been planned for the remaining nights of the week.

Nellie, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. A. C. Gheen, residing near Hunter's Station, in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon, was accidentally shot through both legs below the knees late yesterday afternoon. The bullet came from a revolver which was accidentally discharged by her brother, who had the weapon in his hands for the purpose of examining it. The little girl was brought to the Alexandria hospital about nine o'clock last night. Her wounds, while more or less painful, are not considered to be dangerous, unless blood poisoning should ensue, which is not thought probable.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY THEM.

Reasons Why People Should Purchase The War Savings Stamps.

The main reason for the purchase of War-Savings Stamps is because our country is at war. Your country needs every penny which every man, woman, and child can save and lend, in order to feed, clothe, arm, and equip the soldiers and sailors of America and to win this righteous war in defense of American honor and the cause of democracy throughout the world.

If we are to win the war, we must win it as a united people. The savings of every man, woman, and child are necessary if we are to hasten the victorious ending of the war. War Savers are Life Savers.

A single strand in the cables which uphold the great Brooklyn Suspension Bridge is not very strong, but thousands of these strands bound together uphold one of the great thoroughfares of the world.

When our fathers and sons and brothers were called by our country to take up arms in her defense, you did not hear an individual soldier refuse to serve because his service alone would not win the war. Each man was ready to do his part. The great army thus formed is going forward to face the fire of battle and to risk everything for the safety and security of our homes and our families, and for the very existence of our country.

These are the men for whom you are asked to save and lend your dollars.

A country worth fighting for is a country worth saving for.

To save money is to save life.

Buy War-Savings Stamps at post offices, banks, trust companies, or other authorized agencies, and strike a blow for our country.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

Congress to Convene in Joint Session Tomorrow at 12:30 O'clock.

Tomorrow at 12:30 both houses of Congress will convene to hear President Wilson deliver his address making recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads.

The address was finished today. It is understood to be about 1,000 words long, and, according to present plans, it will not be confided to newspaper and press associations in advance of delivery.

The President will make specific recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads.

The Bridge of Yesterday.

Over the bridge of yesterday
My thoughts have turned tonight,
And out of the far off distance
Comes a tender, glowing light,

And centers around a friendship
That has lasted through time and tide,
Though the chance and change of fortune
Has severed our pathways wide.

It may be that earth's tomorrows
Hold for us no meeting place,
It may be that only in Heaven
I shall meet you face to face,

But when memory seeks a pleasant trip
And the choice of a pathway comes,
I choose the bridge of yesterday
To the days when we were chums.

—Author Unknown.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Norfolk's Business Section Threatened at an Early Hour Today.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire started anew early today in the ruins of Norfolk's business section, threatening to spread to other structures and renew the conflagration of Tuesday.

Meantime, authorities had not relaxed their hunt for plotters thought responsible for the original fire with its $2,000,000 loss.

The city is still patrolled by sailors and marines.

The original roundup of suspected has proven unavailing, but city and Government authorities are continuing to examine new suspects.

All merchants have been advised to be cautious what they do for strangers, inasmuch as apparently the bomb explosions attending Tuesday's fire were traceable to innocent looking "packages" left in stores to "be called for later."

Especial care is being taken at the Norfolk navy yard and other naval establishments to guard against spies.

"Miss Jackie of the Army."

She was a regular American girl anxious to do her bit for her country. She couldn't join the army and fight and her father wouldn't let her be a nurse. So she decided to run away. But she stumbled onto a conspiracy of foreign spies right near home and found that all the fighting is not done on a battle field. Her final sacrifice makes the story replete with thrills and throbs. You'll be a better patriot after seeing "Miss Jackie of the Army" at the Richmond tonight.

AIR RAIDS BLOCKED.

Rome Now Sees Definite End of German Offensive on Asiago Front.

With the Italian Armies, Jan. 3.—Except for a new outpost positions near the delta at the mouth of the Piave, the whole western bank of that river today was clear of Austro-German forces. Italian troops, by their capture of the Zenson bridgehead, drove back the last of the strong enemy forces.

Some idea of the magnitude of the Zenson victory may be given when it is explained that the German position there was about a concrete "nest" of more than sixty machine guns, cleverly concealed under a bank of the stream. The position had been built with exceeding care, and was evidently held impregnable by the enemy. It was catpured almost intact by the rush of the Italian forces.

The Austrian aviators managed to drop bombs on Italian stations about five miles distant from Venice today. They were evidently headed for Venice itself, but were forced to turn back without achieving their aim, owing to the vigorous Italian aerial defenses.

Snow many feet deep in the mountains was expected today to force a shifting of the major fighting to the Piave front.

In the opinion of officials, the Teuton offensive on the Asiago front and between the Brenta and Piave is now definitely at an end.

ALLEGED HE WAS ROBBED.

Captain of a Schooner Charges Two Young Colored Women of Relieving Him of $100.

Earl Hopkins, captain of a sailing vessel lying at the shipyard, made complaint at the station house today that two young colored women last night robbed him of $100. He told the officers he was in a certain house last night and described the two women he suspected of relieving him of the money.

Later Officer Nevitt proceeded to a house in the 400-block on North Royal street and arrested the two suspects, who gave their names as Edna Lloyd and Daisy Dudley. They will be brought before the Police Court tomorrow morning.

Death Notice.

Died, Jan. 2. 1918. in Danville, Va., Harry C. Leef, aged 49. Funeral will be held from 1305 King street, Alexandria, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 9 King street.

HIS AUTO "WENT DEAD"

Resident of Danville With Five Quarts of Whisky in His Possession Has Narrow Escape.

Early last night while a long freight train of the Southern Railway was pulling up the grade on Wilkes street it came to a sudden stop. People living on the street supposed a car had jumped the track or that the long string of cars had stalled, but ten or fifteen minutes later the train proceeded west toward the depot.

There is a story connected with the sudden halting of the train. The engineer saw a large automobile in the center of the track at Wilkes and Pitt streets and stopped the train in order to avoid striking it. The train crew approached the automobile and found it contained one occupant, J. H. Dillard, of Danville, who, although he wore a bearskin overcoat, was about to freeze to death. He was removed from the machine by the train crew and taken into the silk mill, on the opposite corner, placed by a stove and he later revived.

The police were notified and Sergeants Wilkinson and Scott, accompanied by Officer Nevitt, went to the scene. The auto, which had "gone dead," had been pushed from the track by members of the train crew and the officers in making an inventory found five quart bottles of whisky which had been purchased in Baltimore in the auto and in a suit case they discovered a pistol.

Dillard and the auto were taken to the station house and he was held to answer the charge of bringing an unlawful quantity of liquor into the state. Dillard was brought before the Police Court this morning, and when questioned he did not seem to realize he had violated the prohibition law. He said he was on his way to Richmond and had become lost. He was proceeding east on Wilkes street when his auto came to a stop in front of the incoming train. He was held for the action of the grand jury.

Late this afternoon Dillard gave bond in the sum of $500 for his appearance at the first grand jury term of the Corporation Court. He later left for Danville.

LUXBURG SAID TO BE CRAZY.

German Envoy Said to Have Been Eccentric For a Decade.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 3.—Count Luxburg, German envoy of "spurlos versenkt" fame, is now insane, and has been "eccentric" for a decade, according to a report today of medical authorities who have had him under observation.

The finding was after prolonged and careful study of the German minister, now held in an internment camp, by a number of reliable medical authorities. The report today said their information was that Luxburg has been acting queerly for a number of years.

United Press dispatches several weeks ago reported the belief growing in Buenos Aires that the German minister was a victim of dementia. At that time he was under observation.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The verdict of insanity as to Luxburg affords Germany an excuse for the astounding revelations of duplicity made public in various intercepted messages by the State Department. It would not explain, however, some of the messages sent by Berlin to Luxburg, indicating an equal facility in duplicity by the German foreign office.

No Relief in Sight.

Lowering temperatures again today, reaching close to zero tonight, is the prediction of the Weather Bureau.

The Weather forecaster says we are likely to shiver in very low temperatures at least until Saturday. There is a possibility, says the weather man, that a few degrees warmer will be registered before Saturday, but these warmer periods will come in the middle of the day and the mercury will fall sharply by nightfall.

Jap Steamer Afire.

A Pacific Port, Jan. 3.—The Japanese steamship Shinyo Maru No. 2. owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, is afire today somewhere on the Pacific ocean, according to a wireless message received by the naval radio station here. The Shinyo Maru's position was not given in the message.

SMALLPOX IN VIRGINIA

Disease Reported in Several Counties—Health Authorities Send Out Warnings to People.

Richmond, Jan. 3.— The State Board of Health has received information that smallpox has been discovered at Richlands, in Tazewell county; at Clifton Forge, in the county of Alleghany; at Mannboro in Amelia; that one case has been diagnosed in the city of Roanoke, and that the disease has also manifested itself at Plain View, in King and Queen.

While not alarmed over these reports the State Board of Health feels itself impelled to caution the public generally with regard to the great importance and real necessity at this time of neglecting no possible means at its command of preventing all species of disease, and especially of guarding against the spread of any dangerous contagion. Several hundred physicians in Virginia have answered the call to the colors and are seeing service in cantonments. Others are already on active duty as army surgeons in Europe. The result is a decided and growing dearth of doctors in Virginia. The rural sections will probably be the worse sufferers from this condition.

The State Board of Health has sent out a warning to citizens in infected rural sections and cities, to at once have themselves vaccinated, as for when once smallpox has entered the household its control is most difficult. The contagion is carried rapidly from one section to another by persons traveling on railroads, and in these days of speedy transport the possibilities of introducing smallpox from one section into a community far removed are very serious. The State Board of Health is therefore solicitous that all citizens protect themselves and their families by visiting their physicians and having themselves vaccinated with smallpox virus. Such recommendation is the more earnestly made to those who reside in or near a community where the disease has manifested itself.

To be fully protected, every one should be vaccinated for the first time when about three months old. If there is smallpox in the community a child should be vaccinated immediately after birth. At seven years of age vaccination should be repeated, and every seven years thereafter. Seven years is the usual minimum period of complete immunity from a single vaccination.

TO BE REAL PEACE OFFER.

Officials and Diplomats Think Kaiser Is Preparing Liberal Terms Which he Will Soon Offer.

Entente and neutral diplomats in Washington believe Germany is paving the way for real, definite peace proposals in the next two months—so much more liberal than anything to date that they must be seriously considered by the allies.

At present the German propaganda is designed to create a peace "atmosphere," they say, so that when the real offer comes the world may be in a more recipient mood than before. But the diplomats join with American leaders now in saying emphatically that from all indications the offer will not be broad enough to meet the prime requisite—elimination of Germany's Kaiser-controlled militarism.

A canvass of leading entente and neutral statesmen reveals a feeling that Germany is willing to make unbelievable sacrifices rather than face another year of war. Internal conditions plague her, and time is no longer her ally. Despite a still tremendous offensive power, Germany is going down hill, and the longer the struggle continues just so much more certain is her defeat.

With Russia apparently swaying away from the separate peace, Germany's peace plans threaten to go askew, and it is possible the Russian problem will react to her distinct disadvantage.

"Germany realizes, as never before, that she is beaten," a high entente diplomat said today. "Even the Russian peace she sought it proving an illusion. Teutonic arms have not attained a single significant victory in the past year. Russia's elimination cannot be credited to German arms, and the Italian offensive has proved an empty victory.

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METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS.

While last night was bleak, with snow falling and the sharp northeast wind howling around habitations, today broke beautifully, although still cold, the mercury was down to four degrees above zero. There were, however indications that as old sol mounted higher in the heavens he would force the mercury upwards, and more cheerful conditions would follow. As the day advanced the cold became less intense, and there were reasons to suppose that the frigid weather which accompanied 1917 in its demise and the arrival of 1918 was about to become one of the things of the past.

While there has been comparatively little actual suffering in Alexandria, the cold wave which has prevailed for nearly a week has brought distress and death in other places of the country. Fortunately, where coal famines exist, by the commendable work of our coal and wood dealers, these essentials in the trying times of winter have been distributed to rich and poor alike. Those in positions to purchase two tons procured the same upon proper representations, while those unable to purchase more than a barrel of coal or a bushel were as cheerfully accommodated. All Alexandria dealers in fuel have performed their respective parts conscientiously. As one of them told the writer, "we are exerting every effort to do the best we can."

Generally in this section of the country the severe weather does not strike until some time after the advent of the new year. Some of the most trying blizzards Alexandria ever experienced have struck this section in the middle of February. One in 1888 made its advent in the middle of March. Roscoe Conkling, it will be remembered, was caught in the downtown section of New York on that occasion, and rather than pay fifty dollars to be carried home in a hack, he attempted to reach his residence upon foot. He later died from exposure.

DEATH OF JUDGE KEITH.

The many friends and acquaintances of Judge James Keith will regret to learn that this well-known and able Virginia jurist died at his home in Richmond yesterday. His funeral will take place from St. Paul's Church in that city tomorrow.

Judge Keith was a familiar figure in Alexandria for many years. He was Judge of the Circuit Court, having succeeded the late Henry W. Thomas many years ago. He was subsequently elected to the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and at the time of his retirement was President of that tribunal.

During his term of service as Judge of the Circuit Court he made many acquaintances in Alexandria, and was deservedly popular with all who knew him.

THE ALIEN ISSUE.

It is not necessary to intern the entire German and Austrian population of the country, but in one direction, at least, there should be far greater caution than has yet been shown by the Government or by contractors. No native of Germany should be employed in any arsenal or other concern where war material is being made by the Government or for the Government. Naturalization does not change a man's disposition, and we have had too many naturalized Americans whose loyalty, when the test came, was to the land they escaped from and not that to which they fled. They may be good Americans, but they had better be employed where they cannot make arms or ammunition. Persons born in this country of German parents, who live among German-Americans, should not be employed in arsenals unless they are thoroughly known to be above suspicion.

As an exchange says, we can't have in our munition and arms factories men whose sympathies are presumably with Germany. We have had too much experience with German spies and plotters and operators of infernal machines. It is folly to keep these men where they can disable our fighting forces until they have committed a crime. Most of them are very honest men, and loyal to the United States, but some of them are not. The risk of having them in our arsenals and arms factories is too great. The workmen employed in those establishments must be above suspicion, and persons with German connections had better be employed where they can't do any great harm, even if they wish to.

GERMANY'S PEACE WHINES.

The situaton of Germany is such that it must have peace at almost any price. The kaiser has made several proposals during the past year, and, according to dispatches from Europe, will make another much modified proposition during the next ten days.

Germany is near collapse. It must get peace on the east in order to be able to offer any serious resistance in the west. It hopes that negotiations with Russia will bring a general peace. But if it does not, Germany must at least have peace with Russia. Germany cannot stand this struggle much longer, but if it can get peace on the east, it will stagger along for a little while, in the hope that something will turn up on the west to save it.

Hence Count Czernin and Dr. von Kuehlmann offer to surrender "what German blood has won," in the bitter language of the Pan-German newspapers, some of which invite the public to hiss the minister of Foreign Affairs on his return to Berlin. Of Course, Czernin and von Kuehlmann are not acting in good faith; they are hopeful of over-reaching the cowards with whom they are dealing. They hope yet to retain a large part of Russia in order to save the prestige of the Kaiser and the army, and make the German people believe that they won a great deal in the war

But Germany has got to have peace very soon or succumb.

TO DROP MORAL BARS.

Proposal Made by a German Writer For "Secondary Marriages" Is Widely Circulated.

Further evidence that German publicists are seriously discussing the institution of limited polygamy for the purpose of increasing their depleted male population is found in the shape of a pamphlet called "The Secondary Marriage the Only Means for the Rapid Creation of a New and Powerful Army and the Purification of Morality," a copy of which has recently reached London. This pamphlet is put out by the Cologne firm of Oscar Muller, and was written by Carl Hermann Torges, who, in the introduction, says that he is over seventy years of age, has traveled all over the world, and has always kept his eyes open. Therefore, he "appeals for unprejudiced examination of his proposals, the adoption of which may be expected to lead logically to the desired improvements."

The pamphlet is based upon the future needs of the German army, because "the military strength of a people depends in part upon the number of men able to bear arms." Germany's heavy losses in the war must be made good, and at the same time every effort must be made to meet the decline in the birth rate which was lamented before the war. The writer declares that "the bachelordom of today is a cancer which must be extirpated."

He denies that the expense of married life is the main reason why men remain unmarried, and he deals at some length with the economic training of women for marriage. He then leads up to his main proposals with a chapter which declares that "the conception of immorality is relative," and that "good morals are only what the upper classes of society approve." The "facts" are said to give Germany "the justification in case of necessity, to put the stamp of morality upon what today seems immoral." "In any case, if the falling off in births is to be counteracted, bachelordom must be reduced to the minimum which the circumstances require."

FIRE WRECKS WAREHOUSE.

Attempt to Thaw Frozen Oil Results In $10,000 Loss to Pulaski Plant.

Pulaski, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire Tuesday morning destroyed the pattern warehouse of the General Chemical Company's machine shops, and also a number of valuable machine patterns and materials. The loss is placed at $10,000.

The fire started when an attempt was made to thaw machine oil to fill a container, a spark flying into a pool of frozen oil. The entire plant was threatened, but only damage resulted.

A Prayer.

Please let me live, O gracious God,
To serve Thee, Lord, my king,
And while upon this lonely earth
Thy choicest praises sing.

Please strengthen me, that I may smile,
E'en though bowed down with grief;
That I may look unto Thy throne,
From whence shall come relief.

Please let me meet each fallen friend
With outstretched hand of love;
Then I may know that my reward
Lies in the land above.

Please let me treat my fellowman
As I would he treat me,
That ere his many faults I find,
My own, first, I would see.

Please stand Thou ever near me, Lord,
Until I reach the Heavenly goal,
And then, O Father of us all,
Receive my poor, unworthy soul.

Please let me enter Heaven's streets,
Where dwell the ones of grace,
That I may see with tear-dimmed eyes
My Savior, Christ's, forgiving face.

Chas. C. Dobie.
Alexandria, Va.

PEACE MUST BRING RIGHTS.

Message of Belgian Government to King Says Victory Worth Sacrifices.

The Belgian government in its New Year address to the King made public last night reiterates, after three years of war, that there can be no peace until Belgium is restored and repaired. The addresses of the cabinet and Parliament assert that the sacrifices of Belgium will have been happily made if they will assure the security of Europe, and perhaps of the world hereafter.

"Your majesty," said Premier Broqueville, "has so completely identified your fate with that of the Belgian people that the wishes which we are asking for your own happiness are the same which arise from our hearts for our country.

"May 1918, sire, be the year of justice and reparation. May the King enter his capital as a victor."

The Count d'Allviella, vice-president of the senate, declared:

"The bond uniting Belgium with the rest of the allies is growing ever closer and the conviction is more and more felt that with them we are bound to fall or to win, to win so as to bring about a peace which will not make vain the dreadful hardships inflicted upon our country, peace which will protect us with the rest of Europe, perhaps the rest of the world, against the renewal of such catastrophes."

M. Van Cloemputte, president of the chamber of representatives predicts in 1918 the restoration of Belgium "in conformity to the claim of mankind's conscience asserting itself ever more forcibly through the world."

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Louisville Physician Charged With Causing Death of Wife.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 3.—Dr. Harry Lewis, a well-known Louisville physician, is in the Jefferson county jail here charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Susan Lewis, following the finding Tuesday of her body on the floor of her bedroom at her home.

The discovery was made by Dr. Edwin T. Bruce, who went to the Lewis residence in answer to a telephone call from a neighbor, who said she had been informed by Dr. Lewis that his wife was dead. Dr. Bruce found Mrs. Lewis' body in a kneeling position on the floor with head and arms pillowed on a couch.

Because of the disordered state of the room, he said, and because of Dr. Lewis' apparent inability to give a coherent account of what had taken place he immediately called Acting Coroner William Kammerer. Dr. Lewis, he said, was apparently either under the influence of liquor or drugs.

Dr. Lewis was ordered under arrest by the acting coroner and the body of Mrs. Lewis was removed to the morgue, where an autopsy disclosed that death was the result of strangulation.

PIPE WORKS WRECKED

Big Harrisburg Industry is Blown up by Explosion Early Today.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—Early yesterday morning the big Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Works was wrecked by an explosion with a property loss of more than a quarter of a million dollars. As far as is known, no lives were lost. The cause of the explosion has not as yet been ascertained. The plant, which covers more than eight acres, has been running at full capacity night and day on munition contracts for the United States and allied governments.

Officers say the company was working on a big government contract for navy shells. The blaze wiped out the paint shop and the cylinder and rough turning shop. Workmen declare the fire started in the paint shop after a can of paint exploded. Two workmen were badly burned. Firemen were hampered in fighting the fire by lack of water.

TELLS OF HER ENGAGEMENT.

Miss White Says Johnson Told Her When He Came to Wife's Funeral Boy Friend Had Dropped Dead.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—Interviewed for the first time since the death of the young wife of Dr. Samuel J. Johnson in Richmond on December 15, Miss Ollie White, boyhood sweetheart of the young dentist, Tuesday bared the story of his courtship, which, she says, culminated in his engagement to her in August, 1913. Miss White declares that she is willing to go to Richmond and testify against the young dentist in the preliminary hearing, Thursday.

The disappointed fiancee of Dr. Johnson is more insouciant than grieved over the charge of wife murder against the Middlesex dentist, and declares emphatically that the revelation of his duplicity drowned all her affection for him. She talked freely about her association with him saying nothing could have so startled her as the announcement from Richmond that he was secretly married. A handsome engagement ring and a beautiful cameo brooch, among other gifts to her from Dr. Johnson, corroborate the story of the nineteen-year-old auburn-haired music teacher.

She admitted that she went with him against the wishes of her father, who twice ordered Dr. Johnson not to pay attention to Miss White. She last saw him, she said, Saturday afternoon before he left Middlesex to attend his wife's funeral. He told her and other friends then that he had been called to Richmond to attend the funeral of a boy friend who had dropped dead on the streets.

WRECK CARS AND MURDER.

Guard of 75 Mexican Soldiers Fails to Check Indians.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 3.—A train on the Southern Pacific Railroad was attacked yesterday morning 32 miles south of Empalme, Sonora, and from twenty to thirty passengers were killed, according to advices received yesterday. The conductor and an express messenger were among those killed. Some of the passengers were from Tucson, but their names have not been learned.

The attack was by Yaqui Indians. The train was the continuation of the one which left Nogales Tuesday morning, and was made up at Empalme for the trip south.

Advices said the attack occurred at a point known as Pitsbaya. A military escort of about 75 federal soldiers on board was greatly outnumbered.

The Indians tore up the track, derailing the train. They then attacked the rear car in which the passengers, mostly Mexicans, were massacred. The Indians then looted the baggage and express cars and rode away.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—State rangers who were ordered to the border in the vicinity of Alpine Monday night in response to a call for assistance to combat a threatened raid of Mexicans, were ordered to return to their home stations yesterday. No trouble materialized.

FIVE MORE TO HANG.

Sentenced by Military For Part in Riots at Houston.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 3.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court-martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged, according to the verdict of the court, announced by Maj. Gen. Ruckman yesterday morning.

They are Privates Babe Collier, Thomas McDonald, James Robinson, Joseph Smith and Albert D. Wright, all of Company I, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry.

Execution of the sentences will be suspended until after the case is reviewed by President Wilson. Three of the fifteen tried were sentenced to ten years at Leavenworth and seven to seven years each.

Thirteen other negro soldiers of the same regiment were hanged last month for participation in the rioting at Houston, fifty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment and several others to shorter prison terms.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

BUSINESS BLOCK IS BURNED.

Big Fire at Stone Mountain, Ga., Early Yesterday Causes a Heavy Loss.

Stone Mountain, Ga., Jan. 3.—Early yesterday the main business block of Stone Mountain was destroyed by fire. The blaze started shortly after midnight, and was not placed under control until 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Following buildings were burned to the ground: McCurdy Brothers, two-story granite building with a drug store on one side, a furniture store on the other, and offices above; the Stone Mountain Bank, a two-story building, the city jail, the city blacksmith shop next to the bank, two wooden stores next to the blacksmith shop, one containing several hundred dollars' worth of cotton feed, and the livery stable. Nearly all of the loss was incurred by J. S. and W. T. McCurdy, brothers, and J. F. McCurdy. They have not yet estimated the loss, although it is certain to run into the thousands.

BURGLARS RIFLE SAFE.

Carry off Cash Register and Some Stock in Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 3.—Burglars invaded the grocery store of R. L. Moore, at 1100 South street, some time after Mr. Moore had closed at 11 o'clock Saturday night and carried off his cash register and some articles from his stock. He discovered the invasion about noon Tuesday.

The intruders, who made the entry into the place during the height of the sweeping snowstorm Saturday night, entered through a window, but left the place through the front door, carrying the cash register across South street to a carriage factory. There they entered a window, and opened the door, carried the [illegible] inside, where it was rifled. The drawer contained a little more than $8 in change, however.

The burglars, in quitting the Moore store, carried off a valuable pair of binoculars.

TO ARM CITIZEN BODY

Purchase of Guns for Home Defense Recommended in the Budget.

Richmond, Jan. 3.—From an apparently authentic source comes the information that the finance committee of the council, will incorporate in the 1918 budget an appropriation with which revolvers or rifles, carbines or other type of firearm, and police nightsticks shall be purchased for the twelve companies of the Home Defense League of Richmond. The appropriation will be a wartime emergency measure.

All of the home defense companies are now uniformed. In Norfolk the city council appropriated the amount necessary to provide uniforms and rifles for the men.

In Richmond about 75 per cent of the members of the companies either paid in full for their uniforms out of their own pockets or contributed to the general fund for the purchase.

HOPEWELL HOTEL BURNED.

Blaze on Railroad Avenue, Near Dupont Plant, Causes Scare.

Hopewell, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire of undetermined origin about 5 o'clock yesterday morning completely destroyed the Prince George hotel, and the Cut-price clothing store, on Railroad avenue. Fears that the flames might spread to the Dupont Powder Company's plant lead the powder company to send its fire-fighting apparatus to the assistance of the Hopewell fire department. Hopewell police say that the fire apparently started from an oil stove. Nothing has yet been discovered which would lead the officials to believe that the fire was started by German agents. Railroad avenue is the nearest street in Hopewell to the Dunont plant, which is located one hundred yards away.

SHOOTS SELF IN HEAD.

Railway Clerk Commits Suicide as a Result of Ill Health.

Richmond, Jan. 3.—In depressed spirits, it was said, as a result of a nervous breakdown, Thomas J. Martin, Jr., thirty-one years old, committed suicide yesterday morning in his room at 1825-A Hanover avenue, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He lived in the home of Mrs. P. J. Ryan, his cousin.

He had on his slippers and was apparently preparing to dress when he decided to take his life. He had been in ill health more than a month. For twelve years he had been employed as clerk in the claims department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, but had been able to do but little work since he suffered the breakdown. It was said that he was at his desk a short while Tuesday.

JUDGE KEITH DIES.

Funeral of Prominent Jurist Will Take Place Tomorrow Morning.

Judge James Keith, former president of the supreme court of appeals, and for more than forty years on the bench of the state courts, died yesterday morning in Richmond, after an illness of several months. Pneumonia and complicated ailments were the cause of death. He was seventy-eight years old.

Judge Keith was a native of Virginia, and no state could boast of a more devoted admirer and servant. When a young man he heard the call to arms, enlisting in the famous Black Horse cavalry, serving to the end of the war.

Judge Keith was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Lidas Gordon Morson, daughter of Arthur Alexander Morson, whom he married about 1872, her death occurring five years later. In February, 1887, he was married to Miss Frances Barksdale Morson, his sister-in-law, who left two children.

After the war he came back to his devastated home and took up the profession for which he had been fitted. When Virginians resumed control of state affairs he was elevated to the circuit court bench, holding that until about twenty-two years ago, when he was named for the supreme court bench with the late Judge John A. Riely, Judge John A. Buchanan, Judge George M. Harrison and Judge Richard H. Cardwell.

About eighteen months ago he retired from the bench, due to his age and impaired health, but whenever possible he made it a point to drive down to the library building and meet his former associates on the bench. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from St. Paul's Church in Richmond.

THE NORFOLK FIRE.

Police Still Searching For Alleged Incendiaries and Would-be Assassin.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—While the authorities were still searching for alleged incendiaries and enemy aliens, and especially for the unidentified man who fired on a guard near the Old Dominion Marine Railway early yesterday, fire broke out in the ruins of the Carpenter building shortly after midnight this morning. At an early hour today it threatened to extend to adjacent buildings in the rear.

Marines and sailors still patrol the Norfolk business district where property worth more than $2,000,000, was reduced to ashes. At the request of City Manager Bates, of Portsmouth, Admiral McLean also detailed naval guards to protect the business section, terminals and water front of Portsmouth.

Snow fell all day yesterday, and this interfered with the work of clearing away the debris of burning buildings and restoring traffic.

WORK FOR JAIL PRISONERS.

Board Asks Council to Impress Jailbirds for Chopping Wood.

Richmond, Jan. 3.—Prisoners in the city jail will be put to work by the city if a resolution adopted by the administrative board yesterday is favorably received by the city council. The resolution calls upon the council to impress jail prisoners for service at Pine Camp, cutting and sawing wood. It is the purpose of the board to utilize the timber on the city tracts of woodland as fuel for the city institutions and for the indigent poor.

$10,000 TO RED CROSS.

Naturalized German, Recently Returned From Bremen, Makes Donation to Relief Work.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 3.—Johannes Suhling, who returned Saturday from an eighteen-months stay in Bremen, Germany, on Tuesday, gave the Lynchburg Red Cross Society $10,000, and in a letter promised the society $200 monthly for a period of two years. Mr. Suhling has long been identified successfully with the local tobacco trade. He is a naturalized citizen.

DOCTOR TO ADMIT KILLING.

Will Throw Himself on Court's Mercy, Says His Lawyer.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, formerly of Iowa, who went on trail yesterday for the murder of his brother, Judge Albert P. Chamberlain, in Goochland county, last October, pleaded guilty and will throw himself on the mercy of the Court.

The Chamberlains come here from Iowa some years ago and, it was said, quarreled about the settlement of their affairs when they parted company. Albert Chamberlain's body was found buried on the brother's farm, parts of it having been cut up and deposited under fence posts.

It is said that Dr. Chamberlain's defense will be that a quarrel caused the tragedy, but it is not made plain whether he will plead justifiable homicide.

PROHIBITION IN VIRGINIA.

Mapp to Ask Senate to Approve National Amendment Opening Day of the Legislature.

Senator G. Walter Mapp, chairman of the steering committee of the senate, will press for ratification of he amendment to the federal constitution providing for national prohibition the opening day of the legislature. This became known yesterday when Senator Mapp, who is attending the sessions of the senate finance committee, admitted that the resolution had been drawn and placed in the hands of the clerk of the senate for presentation on the opening day.

Senator Mapp also said that he intended to move for a suspension of the rules of the senate following the reading of the paper and to ask for its immediate passage. This is a joint resolution, of course, and will require the approval of the house of delegates after the senate has passed on the matter.

MISS CORBELL KILLED.

Young Norfolk Woman Loses Life When Street Car Hits Automobile.

Hampton, Va., Jan. 3.—Miss Mildred Corbell, twenty years old, of Norfolk, was instantly killed, and Miss Grace Davis of Foxhill, was painfully injured Tuesday night when a car of the Newport News and Hampton Railway Company collided with an automobile. Sidney Johnson, of Foxhill, who was driving the car, escaped without injuries. The trolley car hit the automobile in the rear, and Miss Corbell was thrown under the front fenders and dragged nearly 100 feet. She was dead when taken from under the car. Miss Corbell resided in Norfolk, and she was spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Marshall Johnson, in Foxhill. Miss Davis's injuries are believed serious.

THREE BOYS PERISH.

Gale Breaks Ice While Lads Are Crossing Erie in Storm.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Three boys perished and one man was terribly frozen in a New Year's day battle on the ice on Lake Erie between Marblehead and Kelly Island.

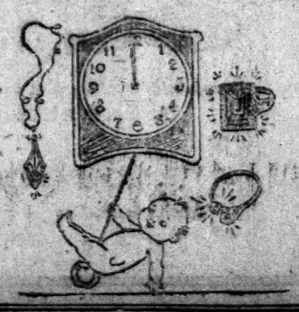
The dead are: George Kruko, 14; Mike Zobokie, 12; Joe Ontko, 13, all of Marblehead.

The boys, with George Priest, 22, walked from Marblehead, four miles across the lake, to Kelly Island Tuesday. They started on the return trip at noon. They encountered a northeast gale, a blinding snowstorm and zero temperature.

At 7 o'clock Tuesday night members of the Marblehead coast guard crew saw a man half a mile offshore on the ice. They brought him in. The man was Priest, dazed and frozen. He said he had left the Kruko boy's dead body on the ice and that the other two had started back to Kelly Island.

Telephone information is that the boys did not reach the island and that the gale had broken the ice in the channel. Coast guards say that without doubt the boys perished and their bodies may have been carried farther out into the lake by ice floes.

The Germans are taking down the massive bronze doors of the Brussels Exchange to ship them to Germany. All metals of value in the manufacture of munitions are being requisitioned, and bell metal is known to have been in special demand.



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NEWS OF THE DAY

Congress, in recess since December 18, reassembled at noon today, prepared to proceed with a big legislative program. Both houses adjourned after a brief session out of respect to Senator Newlands, of Nevada, and Representative Bathrick, of Ohio, who died during the recess.

Three persons are dead and one is seriously ill in Washington as a result of gas asphyxiation yesterday. The dead are Allen Snow, 35; Louis Wolf, 50, and John Hasson, 412 Sixth street northwest.

A dispatch from Madrid says that the Royal palace at La Granja, near Madrid, is on fire. Details of the fire are not known. The Royal palace at La Granja was built in 1721-23. It consists of a main building, inclosing the court of the original "granja" (grange), and of two double wings. The royal apartments on the first floor have been noted for their eighteenth century magnificence.

It is said that more submarines were sunk in December than the German shipyards were able to launch; so the German submarine navy may now be said to have begun actually to shrink—a process which the allies hope to accelerate rapidly with the increasing effectiveness of naval methods.

General Pershing, America's field leader, has had his way, and yesterday with the suddenness of a thunder-clap, came news of a general shake-up in the overseas command designed to bring young and active men into leadership as general officers. Major General Sibert, second in command of the American forces in France, and Major General Mann, commander of the Rainbow Division of the National Guard, have been ordered to return to this country.

Eight hundred dollars per annum is not a sufficient minimum salary for public school teachers of Washington, President W. J. Wallis, of the High School Teachers' Union, stated last night, following a meeting of the executive committee at Central High School. One thousand dollars per year is little enough for the support of a school teacher, he said. A statement of the stand of the union was made by the executive committee at the meeting. This statement will be forwarded to school officials by mail, and it will be followed up by a visit of the legislative committee of the union.

The official passed-by-the-censor, bottled-in-bond pronunciation of Bolsheviki was obtained yesterday. The radicals in control of Russia are known among themselves as Bool-she-veek. The plural is Bool-she-veek-ee. The accent is on the first accent as on the "Bull" in Durham. The pronunciation was vouchsafed by E. E. Britton, secretary to Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid yesterday gave 50 tons of her coal supply to avert a famine in Greenwich, Conn. Other wealthy families in the place also have given fuel to aid the poor. Many society clubs will close to conserve the coal supply.

GERMANS BITE GRANITE.

Italians Hold Main Positions With Aid of British and French.

London, Jan. 3.—The Austro-Germans made a strong attempt to force another crossing of the lower Piave Tuesday, but met with defeat. Rome reports that ten hostile vessels loaded with troops attempted to approach the western bank of the river at Intestadura, where they were received with such a galling fire from the defenders' batteries that they were forced to withdraw before landing. Intestadura is about ten miles from the Adriatic, immediately above the region flooded by the Italians to protect Venice, and is five miles below the Zenson bridgehead, which the Austrians were compelled to abandon on New Year's Eve after holding it for five weeks.

In admitting the loss of the Zenson position yesterday, the Vienna war office seeks to picture the withdrawal as in the nature of a victorious action. "The enemy did not discover this evacuation until Monday," it asserts. "He directed an uninterrupted fire of artillery and mine throwers until that day against the field works which had been left behind." It is significant, however, that the Italians were first to report the capture of the Zenson position.

In the mountain regions between Piave and Asiago the artillery battle continues lively, with British gunners actively participating in the actions at many points and English infantry engaged in harassing the enemy's advanced lines. The Italian statement today chronicles a successful raid by British forces on an enemy post, in which prisoners were taken.

SLIDES DOWN CHIMNEY.

Gay Lothario Causes Excitement at Christmas Gathering.

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Don Rotell went to see his sweetheart recently when the father was believed to be asleep. Father was awake.

Don dodged several pieces of furniture, then took to his heels. So did father. Don went up a back stairway to the roof and across neighboring roofs. So did father.

A large chimney appeared friendly and Don slid down. Father did not. He was too fat. Don arrived in the midst of a Christmas gathering, but too late to play Santa Claus. He was held by members of the surprised family and turned over to the police. He spent the night in jail and later promised the court never again to force himself into the home of any girl's father. Don was released.

STATEMENT FROM MR. McADOO.

Requests Merchants to Stop Practice of Receiving Liberty Bonds in Payment for Goods.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary McAdoo today authorized the following statement: "It has been brought to my attention that numbers of merchants thoughout the country are offering to take Liberty Loan Bonds of the first and second issue at par, or even in some cases at a premium, in exchange for merchandise. While I have no doubt that these merchants are actuated by patriotic motives, I am sure that they have failed to consider the effect which the acceptance of their offers would have upon the situation. We are making the strongest effort to have these Government Bonds purchased for permanent investment by the people at large, to be paid for out of the past or future savings of those who buy them. Purchases thus made not only result in providing funds for the uses of the Government, but they also effect a conservation of labor and material. When the bonds are exchanged for merchandise, it defeats the primary object of their sale, it discourages thrift and increases expenditures, thus depriving the Government of labor and material needed for war purposes. In addition to this, such bonds whe ntaken in exchange for merchandise must in most cases be immediately sold in the open market. This naturally tends to depress the market price of the issue and makes it less easy to sell future issues at the same rate.

"I hope that the merchants of the country, upon a more careful consideration of this subject, will discontinue their efforts to sell merchandise and take Liberty Bonds in payment."

COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY.

Officers Elected Last Night to Serve During the Present Year.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company held last night:

George Uhler, president; Edward J. McDermott, first vice president; Lucian Duffey, second vice president; E. S. Leadbeater, treasurer; Norman Roberts, secretary; Barber Beach, assistant secretary; J. W. Schneider, captain; Alfred Kirchner, first lieutenant; Ernest Duffey, second lieutenant; Elton R. Shinn, commander of hose. There were two new members elected.

PICTURE CAUSES SLAYING.

Mining Man Shot After Fight—Cattle Raiser is Arrested.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 3.—Charles Qualey, a mining man, heavily interested in Mexican properties, was shot and instantly killed on Pioneer plaza in the business district here last night. William Russell, cattleman from Lubbock, Texas, is under arrest, charged with the killing.

The shooting was said to have resulted from a controversy in a hotel over a display of the kaiser's picture. Qualey resented the display of the picture, and a heated argument followed. This led to blows, and the two men were sent to the hospital suffering from injuries received during the melee.

Qualey was shot as he was passing through the plaza on his return from the hospital. Qualey made his headquarters in New York, a part of each year, where his brother, Joseph Qualey, resides.

Russell is vice president of a bank at Lubbock, Texas. He is a wealthy cattleman, and came here December 25 to purchase cattle.

Branch Bank Seized.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2—The Moscow branch of the National City Bank of New York, which for several days escaped the general order for the confiscation of all banks there, was seized by the bolsheviki Saturday night. H. J. Dreher, the manager, was not arrested.

The Petrograd branch of the National City Bank, which was seized by the bolsheviki a week ago expects to arrange to take care of the financial needs of American residents in a few days. The currency shortage in Russia is becoming increasingly serious.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Moscow branch of the National City Bank was established only about a month ago, officials of the bank said today. They had received no word of its seizure. Mr. Dreher, the manager, had a half dozen employes.

Steamship Torpedoed.

London, Jan. 3.—The Norwegian foreign office reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid (1,617 tons gross, built in 1915 at Bergen) was torpedoed and sunk while on her way from Bari to Rouen, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen today. Five men on the Vigrid were killed. Thirteen of the crew were rescued.

CLASS ONE LIKELY TO FIGHT.

Gen. Crowder Believes Those Drafted In Other Divisions Will Not Be Needed.

That only men listed in class 1 of the great national classification of the registered men of the country probably will be needed to keep the ranks of the Army filled during the war is the prediction of Provost Marshal General Crowder in his report on the outcome of the first draft, submitted to Secretary of War Baker today.

After expressing the belief that class 1 will furnish nearly a million acceptable men, Gen. Crowder said:

"Whether this guess be justified in practice or not, it can be announced now as the policy and belief of this office that in all probability it will be possible to fill our military needs without ever invading any class more deferred than class 1; and this is the promise, standard and the goal, here for the first time announced, toward which every administrative effort of this office shall be directed."

Rosalie Astor sued for divorce yesterday in Hartford, Conn., claiming her husband beat her when she denounced the sinking of unarmed ships.

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Surprise Tonight, Jimmy Dale in Chapter 14 of "The Grey Seal"
Helen Holmes in "The Lost Express"

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 14, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m.

Walter Roberts, President.
308td.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Members of the German Co-operative Building Association No. 5 all Series, will be held at their office, 612 King street, Thursday, January 10, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

Justus Schneider, Secretary.
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Notice Annual Meeting.
December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier
295-25t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank.
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank.
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Notice.

The Washington and O'd Dominion Railway has made application to the State Corporation Commission for authority to make increases of 15 per cent, over all of its present freight rates applicable between stations in Virginia on the Washington and O'd Dominion Railway, the minimum increase to be one (1) cent when the rate is "per 100 pounds" and five (5) cents when the rate is "per ton."

Hearing in this matter will be held before the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, Va., on the 23rd day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any protests, facts or arguments may be presented to the Commission for its consideration.

Washington and Old Dominion Ry.
Jan. 2-3-4-5.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Granite & Dredging Corporation will be held at Rooms 1 & 2, Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Virginia, on Thursday, January 17, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

A. G. Bonnet, Secretary.
310-td.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company will be held at it's principal office, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, January 21, 1918, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock p. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may come properly before said meeting.

A. B. Tolson, Ass't Treasurer.
Dec. 13-20-27. Jan. 3.

Washington Southern Ry.
Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:28, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5:53. 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:44, a. m 12:16, 3:22, 3:32 5:17 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sunday and Holidays—same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 15, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A M and 11 55 P M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 45, 8 55, 10 20, 11 30.—P M—12 20, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 25, 8 7, 10 20, 11 50.

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